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NEWS RELEASE

Officer-Involved Shooting

On November 2nd, 2001 at approximately 9:00 a.m., an on-duty San Antonio Police Officer was involved in a shooting, whereas a suspect was shot and killed.

The preliminary investigation reveals the following: A 911 call was received from a complainant at 8:53 a.m. The complainant told 911 operators that he, and his female passenger, were following their stolen vehicle, which was reported stolen earlier in the day under SAPD case #01-734643. 911 dispatchers immediately relayed the direction of travel to field officers as the suspect (driver) stopped the stolen car in the intersection of Yucca St. and Wheatley St. Once stopped, the driver and passenger fled on foot in different directions. The driver ran towards Lincolnshire St. As the driver fled, an on-duty 7-year veteran officer with SAPD, saw the suspect running and made contact in the 400 Blk of Morningview. Compliance was initially given to the officer, but changed as the suspect became combatant and had to be sprayed with pepper spray. Once sprayed, the suspect took away the officer's pepper spray and began to spray the officer. After spraying the officer, the suspect attempted to take away the officer's service weapon, at which time a struggle began with the officer attempting to maintain control of his sidearm. The officer reports that he was in fear of his life and fired his weapon towards the suspect. The suspect was hit and subsequently died at the scene. The officer was transported to a local hospital, where he is being treated for pepper spray exposure, cuts and bruises.

The identity of the suspect and officer are currently being withheld pending notification of next of kin. The San Antonio Police Shooting Team has been assigned the case and will forward their findings to the Chief of Police and Bexar County District Attorney's Office. The passenger in the stolen vehicle is currently outstanding.

As with standard procedure, the officer will be placed on administrative duty pending the investigation.

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